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Economic Development Commission Meeting
Grafton Municipal Building
April 13, 2021 7:00 pm, Minutes

The EDC had a joint meeting with the Select Board. The discussion was titled the Charge of the EDC. During the meeting, John Allen explained that he has two charges:

- 1) Support and help existing businesses grow.
- 2) Attract new businesses that will invest in real estate, increase the tax base and support the employment base.

During the discussion, the Select Board expressed a desire for larger businesses to support the tax base. John explained that when the Town owns the real estate such as the case with 8 Pine Street, and 17&27 Upton Street, there has been a lot more success.

When the Town does not own the real estate, it is more difficult. Some owners are not realistic in their asking price, or have a different agenda. John also noted that the owners do not change, so he will always check in to see if things have changed.

The Select Board discussed increasing the EDC membership from 7 to 9 members with the desire of getting more business owners, a commercial real estate agent or a developer.

The Select Board said they saw adding an additional cannabis business as economic development. They outline how the EDC would put a warrant before the Town.